

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

**Security Committee**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, NFIB Working Group on Compartmentation  
APEX Policy Elements

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FROM:   
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to Classification and  
Compartmentation Regulations

1. It is recommended that the following items be formally declared unclassified and noncompartmented in consideration of the fact that they fail to meet the test for classification as set forth in E.O. 12065.

a. The use of the initials or words NRO - National Reconnaissance Office, NRP - National Reconnaissance Program.

b. Code words for projects.

c. Reference to communication intercepts, SIGINT, COMINT, SIGINT satellites, SIGINT ground stations, ELINT, ELINT satellites, ELINT ground stations, any other reference to COMINT, SIGINT, TECHNICAL intelligence.

2. It is recommended that the attached notice be distributed to all persons in the  TKH, and  projects as a means of insuring appropriate recognition of this policy decision.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: APEX Control Officers

FROM:

SUBJECT: APEX Policy

1. It is APEX policy that the following items are no longer compartmented or classified since they fail to meet the test of classification of E.O. 12065.

a. The use of the terms National Reconnaissance Program, National Reconnaissance Officer and the initials NRP and NRO.

b. The code words of and for any intelligence collection activity or project or program.

c. COMINT, SIGINT, RADINT, Communications Intelligence, Signal Intelligence, Radar Intelligence, SI, SIGINT Satellites, COMINT Satellites, ELINT, Electronic Intelligence, ELINT Satellites, COMINT, SIGINT, ELINT, TECHNICAL ground stations, Communication intercepts and any combination or variation of these terms and their meaning.

2. Use of these terms will no longer serve as justification for classification and or compartmentation.